



Surfside Town Gazette

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The Mayor's View



Hi Everyone!

I hope you're all enjoying your summer and that you're getting maximum use out of our wonderful, new Beach Club behind the Community Center, and the Miami Shores pool shuttle bus. I'm currently quite far from home and writ-

ing to you from Spain where I'm excitedly celebrating my son's fourth birthday with him and his mom and having much family fun. While it's beautiful here, it's a little cool and cloudy and just continues to remind me that we've really got it made in Surfside! Given that I know your summertime reading allocation is short as there is much to do at this time of year, I will be brief.

Community Center Update

With respect to the Community Center, I have been disappointed

over the last 30 days. In July, the Commission gave direction to the Manager to negotiate a contract with the Commission's pick for the job. As of this writing, I have not been told that a deal has been struck. While I know our Manager and Town Attorney have done everything needed to do to get it done, the absence of a signed contract is not acceptable and I have expressed my deep discontent with the lack of progress. I certainly expect that by the time you read

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SURFSIDE CARES!

In the aftermath of recent natural disasters which have occurred stateside and throughout the world (Texas, Oklahoma, Ohio and the upper Midwest, Peru, the Orient, the Caribbean, and Mexico), the Town of Surfside joins the global community in the mourning of lost lives and property.

Recovery and relief donations can be made directly to the American Red Cross via telephone or the Internet.

American Red Cross National Headquarters

To make a donation:

1 (800) HELP-NOW
(1-800-435-7669)

Spanish Speaking:

1 (800) 257-7575

For TDD Operator:

1 (800) 220-4095

Website: www.redcross.org

BUDGET HEARINGS

Location: Commission Chambers

1st Public Budget Hearing.....Tues., Sept. 11 at 5:01 pm

Final Public Budget Hearing.....Tues., Sept. 25 at 5:01 pm

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Commissioner's Corner

Hello Neighbors,

I hope that you all have had an enjoyable summer. As autumn approaches, it is a good time to take stock of ongoing projects in Surfside, and see what remains to be accomplished in the six months before the next Commission election.

The Community Center project is underway, and we will soon see conceptual drawings based on public input. The property survey necessary for the renovation of the Beach Walking Path is being conducted. We are in the process of acquiring additional property in town to expand our parks and our civic center. We are working toward an inventory of Surfside's historically or architecturally significant properties, which will let us try to protect some of the wonderful buildings that are iconic to Surfside. We have passed design guidelines that, along with proposed changes to the town's comprehensive plan, will help preserve the current scale and character of our single-family homes district while also encouraging more-compatible growth in our commercial and multi-family districts. The

first stage of water and sewer system improvements will be implemented over the next few months as well.

Some of the aforementioned projects will be funded partially through grants, and some through responsible use of the reserve tax funds collected over the past few years. However, in order to complete all the upgrades, improvements, renovations, and new facilities, additional funds will be necessary. Some will be raised in the form of usage fees, such as we already pay for water, trash, and sewer service. Some will require additional tax revenue, but as little as possible. I hope that you will all take the time to understand the options available, so that we can work together to keep Surfside the amazing treasure that we know and love, while enhancing the amenities it offers us and our families.

Meanwhile, you should soon be receiving an estimate of your property taxes for 2008. I am happy that I was able to persuade the Commission to support my goal of lowering the town's tax rate as much as possible for the coming year, even below the state-mandated reduction. Considering the number of municipalities that have voted not to



Comm. Marc Imberman

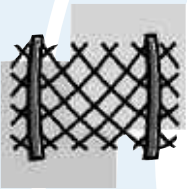
reduce their taxes, this was an accomplishment of which Surfside residents can be proud.

As always, I am available any time to discuss town issues, and you can email me at mimberman@townof-surfsidefl.gov or telephone me at 305-992-7965.

For those of you celebrating Rosh Hashanah, have a happy, healthy, and sweet new year.

Thanks,

Marc



CHAIN LINK FENCE ORDINANCE



On Tues., May 15 the Town Commission adopted Ordinance 07-1478, Section 90-183 "Fences, Walls, and Hedges", with an effective date of May 25, 2007. Residents are advised:

- Chain link fences located in the front yard or street side yard must be removed within 180 days from the adoption of this Ordinance.
- No grandfathering of chain link fences shall be permitted in the front yard or in the street side yard.
- No grandfathering of chain link fences shall be permitted in interior side yard and rear yards if the fence is not covered by plant materials.

The Compliance Date is Wed., Nov. 21, 2007

For further details as to how this Ordinance may apply to you, please contact Code Compliance Officer, Mike Garcia at (305) 861-4863 ext. 230.



Surfside Commission Highlights



1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager stated that Police Chief, Dave Allen, had distributed copies of the monthly Surfside Crime Statistics earlier in the evening.

The Town Manager responded to a July 10th request from the Commission, which required staff to prepare a list of Code Compliance issues frequently addressed by the Town's Code Compliance Officer. The Commission specified that the list of issues should include matters that staff felt may need additional consideration by the Commission. The Town Manager presented the Town Commission with a list of Code Compliance issues and items that re-occur on a regular basis. The Town Manager recommended to the Town Commission that they consider referring the Code Compliance issues to the Planning and Zoning (P & Z) Board. He added that once the P & Z Board had examined the issues they could provide their feedback to the Commission at a future meeting.

The issue of renovating versus rebuilding the Community Center was addressed during the April Commission meeting. At that time, the Commission moved to conduct a "straw ballot" to ascertain the wishes of the community. At the Commission meeting on Aug. 14th, the Manager informed the Town officials that there are certain limitations regarding the use of "electorate" information obtained from the Miami-Dade County Supervisor of Elections. He indicated that he, the Town Attorney, and the Town Clerk had discussed this matter and requested further direction from the Town Commission prior to commencing with the straw ballot.

The Town Manager reported that he had received an email request from Commissioner Blumstein on July 23, 2007. The Commissioner requested the Town Manager to prepare a report for him on the number of contracts/agreements the Manager had entered into that did not require Commission approval. Commissioner Blumstein

advised the Manager that he wanted the report to "include the name of the contracting party, type of product/service provided the Town, amount contracted for, date the contract/agreement was entered into, when completed, and amount actually spent by the Town...." Since the request would require searching through thousands of documents and be labor intensive, the Town Manager requested that Commissioner Blumstein be more specific as to what he was in search of. No additional information was provided. The Manager advised Commission Blumstein that he would discuss the request with staff. The Manager and staff concurred as to the difficulty associated with providing such a report. The Manager further advised Commission Blumstein that he would seek direction from the Commission at the August 14 Regular Meeting of the Commission. He explained that if the Commission wanted the report to be prepared it would require dedicated personnel to manually search through two fiscal years of alphabetically filed documents. The requested information would be taken from each document and compiled as required. The Town Manager informed the Commission that at present, there were no idle personnel that he could assign to such a task.

Regarding the possible purchase of the property located at 9256 Collins Avenue, the Town Manager provided a brief history and update regarding this issue. On December 15, 2006, the Town received a requested appraisal for the property located at 9256 Collins Avenue. The subject property had an appraised value of \$2,200,000; however, the owner was willing to sell the property for a sales price of \$2,420,000. At the January 16, 2007 Commission Meeting, the Manager reported the result of his negotiations to the Commission and sought the Commission's direction. It was the consensus of the Commission not to pursue the purchase of the property at the requested sales price.

Subsequent to the January 16 meeting the Manager remained in contact with the owner and he reported that the property owner has now revised his offering sales price. The owner is willing to sell the property to the Town for the December 2006 appraised value of \$2,200,000. Considering the offering price and the location of the property, the Manager told the Commission that he believed it to be in the best interest of the Town to acquire the property. He recommended that the Town Commission authorize him to negotiate the purchase of the 9256 Collins Avenue property for an acquisition price of \$2,200,000.

The library grant was addressed by the Town Manager, who provided the Commission with a brief history of the application and the current status. On April 1, 2003, the Town of Surfside submitted a grant application to Florida Department of State, Division of Library and Information Services. The grant application was for financial assistance associated with the construction of a planned 7,200 square foot library building. It was anticipated the new library building would continue to serve the residences of the three towns under the then existing contract; Surfside, Bal Harbour Village, and Bay Harbor Islands.

The \$500,000 sought in the grant application was funded by the State Legislature in fiscal year 2005. Among items contained in the Grant Agreement was the provision that a construction contract would be awarded within 540 days (December 31, 2005) of the grant award. Due to the impact of Hurricane Wilma in October 2005, the December 31, 2005, deadline was extended to March 31, 2006. On March 29, 2006, a Petition for Waiver of or Variance from Rule 1B-2.011(2)(B), Florida Administrative Code, essentially seeking to extend the March 31, 2006, deadline for an additional 540 days to September 29, 2007, was filed on behalf of the Town by

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Surfside Commission Highlights

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Williams, Wilson & Sexton, P. A., Tallahassee, Florida. Subsequently, the Department of State extended the deadline for the requested additional 540 days to September 29, 2007. The Manager informed the Commission that the September 29, 2007 deadline is approaching and it is unlikely the Town will be in a position to award a construction contract by that date.

The Town Manager recommended that the Commission direct him to engage the services of Williams, Wilson & Sexton, P. A. to pursue the possibility of an additional extension of the September 29, 2007 deadline date. He added that the Department of State should be advised that the Surfside Library no longer has contractual arrangements with Bal Harbour Village and Bay Harbor Islands.

On May 15, 2007, the Town Commission adopted Ordinance 07-1478 which placed certain restrictions, requirements, and limitations on "chain link fences." The Manager indicated that in an effort to inform the Town residents, notices had been placed in the June and July issues of the Gazette, flyers had been distributed to Town residents, the Code Compliance Officer had been, and continues, to speak to residents throughout his day, and that upcoming issues of the Gazette would contain additional notices.

The Manager further explained that the ordinance requires that permitted chain link fences be covered by plant materials; however, the ordinance does not specify which property owner is responsible for assuring the fence is properly covered. Presently, the Town is interpreting the ordinance to require the owner of the fence be responsible for the plant coverage. However, if the fence is properly covered by plant material on the adjacent property owner's side of the fence, the Town is considering that to be in compliance. The Manager expressed the opinion that the Town is enforcing the "chain link fence ordinance" consistent with the intent

of the Commission.

The issue of police patrol vehicle replacement was presented to the Commission by the Town Manager. He stated that it had been the practice of the Town to use replaced police patrol vehicles in other areas of the Police or Town Departments. He explained that police cruisers are full size vehicles with heavy duty equipment and are not designed for maximum fuel efficiency. He reminded the Commission that it had expressed a desire to use fuel efficient and Hybrid vehicles, where possible.

The Fiscal Year 2008 proposed budget provides for the purchase of four police cruisers. Three of the replaced cruisers would be used by two Police Service Aides and one by the Code Compliance Officer. The budget also provides for a new vehicle for the parking attendant.

Staff researched the availability of Hybrid vehicles through State contracts and determined that a Hybrid Economy SUV (Ford Escape) is available through the State GSA contract for \$23,805 and Hybrid 4-door Administrative Vehicles (Toyota Prius) are available through the Florida Sheriffs' Association for \$21,823 each. Surfside Ordinance No. 06-1467 provides that purchases made under either of these contracts are exempt from competitive bidding.

The Manager recommended that the Commission waive bidding requirements as provided in Ordinance 06-1467 and direct him to purchase one Hybrid Ford Escape for \$23,805 and three Hybrid Toyota Prius for \$21,823 each. Purchases are to be made from the State of Florida GSA and Florida Sheriffs' Association contracts. There are sufficient unencumbered contingency funds available in the FY 2007 budget.

The upgrading of the broadcast system was outlined by the Town Manager. He explained that in March 2006 the Town began live broadcasting of Commission and Planning & Zoning Board meetings, as well as other meetings and events held in the Commission Chambers. The current broadcast is achieved with one fixed camera and limited equipment. The minimal

broadcasting capabilities quite often make it difficult for the viewing audience to see, hear, and understand much of what is transpiring during the meetings. As such, the Mayor and Commissioners provided funding in the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget for certain broadcast enhancements. Staff has had discussions with several vendors, as well as near-by communities with broadcast capabilities superior to that of Surfside.

The Town had received a proposal from Audio Visual Innovations for \$86,990. The proposal includes projection screens and display system additions, additional cameras, control system enhancements; just to mention some. The proposal also includes labor and training of Town personnel. Further, Audio Visual Innovations is an approved United States Government General Services Administration (GSA) Contractor. Surfside Ordinance No. 06-1467 provides that purchases made under GSA Contracts are exempt from competitive bidding.

The Town Manager recommended that the Commission should waive bidding requirements as provided in Ordinance 06-1467 and direct him to accept Proposal #MLSSVUrev1 dated August 2, 2007, in the amount of \$86,990 from Audio Visual Innovations. There are sufficient funds available in the FY 2007 budget.

The following Ordinance was adopted on Second Reading:

2. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida creating Chapter 18 "Businesses", Article III "Special Sales", Division 3 "Sidewalk Businesses", Section 18-80 "Sidewalk Dining"; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

The Following Ordinances were adopted on First Reading. A second Reading will be held on September 11, 2007:

3. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for imposition of a

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Vice Mayor Weinberg's Message



Vice Mayor
Howard Weinberg

Greetings Neighbor:

I hope that you all had a wonderful summer and that the transition back to the school year has been a smooth one. In past columns I have shared with you my feelings of pride in the accomplishments of the current Commission. Life in Surfside has improved markedly in the last year and a half, and the improvement continues. Sidewalk dining is now officially permitted in Surfside's business district. Our renowned Restaurant Row continues to expand and improve.

I recently attended the Florida Chamber of Commerce Environmental Permitting Summer School on behalf of Surfside. I am proud to report that I was able to re-confirm the commitment that I previously secured from State representatives that grant money is available for a Green Roof on our new Community Center as well as for the use of pervious concrete. It has been and continues to be my goal that Surfside will be recognized for having the first LEEDS Certified oceanfront municipal building in the entire nation. The Green Committee is up and running and will be a tremendous asset to our municipality. Please attend the Committee meetings with all of your ideas for a Greener Surfside.

I have asked the Manager to explore the possibility of using our bus to bring Surfside's school children to Bay Harbor Elementary from a central pick up point. Imagine the pollution reduction if our moms and dads don't have to line up in their cars to reach the drop off point at what is essentially the Bay Harbor Elementary construction site. Reduced traffic will also make us better neighbors as well.

The Beach Club has been a huge success. Our next Jazz concert is scheduled for November. Soon our Tourism Bureau will be located right on Harding and they will sell Surfside hats, shirts, towels, etc. Life keeps getting better. However, there is a very troubling recent development that I must share with you as your public servant.

As a straight shooter, I believe in

telling it like it is. This is not always easy and has made people upset with me on several occasions. According to some reports, it has even put me in actual danger. But alas, being an elected official is not supposed to be easy. Tough and sometimes unpopular decisions have to be made. I have and will continue to be guided by my moral compass. I believe that you expect nothing less from me.

For those of you that were unable to stay awake until past 1:00 A.M. and watch the most recent Commission Meeting, I feel compelled to share with you my feelings of extreme disappointment and concern with a vote that was taken late in the evening. Several months ago, members of the current Commission were presented with an investigative file from the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust. It was an investigation that the current Administration had NOTHING to do with. It involved the rebuilding of the house at 1308 Biscaya Drive. It is the residence of Former Mayor Paul Novack. The investigative file is a public record and is available to anyone by contacting the Miami-Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust. It was, to say the least, a very disturbing report.

The Commission on Ethics is a very credible and well respected Agency. Here are some quotes from the report: "a preliminary inquiry suggested improper conduct by [Former Mayor] Novack and [Former Town Manager] Rodriguez. The allegations were supported by a review of the building permit application by plans review specialists at the Miami-Dade Dept. of Environmental Resources Management. Federal Agents, after reviewing bank records, concluded that payments from Novack to the original contractor far exceeded the amount stated on the building permit application."

Also, "This office launched an inquiry into whether Novack's family residence...was illegally renovated...the inquiry seems to uphold this claim as Mr. Novack's original contractor told

the Commission on Ethics that the project cost for renovating the residence more than doubled the amount stated on the permit. DERM officials....stated that Mr. Novack's permit appears to have been issued improperly by town officials....Surfside building officials failed to adhere to federal guidelines".

And then there is this, "[Novack's original contractor] said he believes Mr. Novack may have defrauded the County Tax Collector or Property Appraiser's office because assessments are based on the amounts stated on municipal permits...The appraiser's office is going to go by what's on file with the city. Between 2002 and 2005 [now 2007 and continuing] [Novack has] probably been enjoying a free ride." To any Surfside homeowner that has dealt with the Building department in the past, wouldn't you love to be treated as Mr. Novack was?

Try this quote from the report on for size, "[According to the contractor], Surfside's building inspector never requested or required a Certificate of Elevation... [Former Mayor] Novack told him that [Novack] would obtain the permits from the City...It would have cost at least \$200,000...had Novack attempted to comply [with the law].

Must be nice huh? Remember - the report was not written by anyone connected in any way to Surfside. It was investigated and written by an independent outside agency.

It is, of course, both legally and morally wrong to base homeowner violation enforcement on who the violator is. Quite frankly, the next homeowner that receives a homeowner citation, be it for chain link fence, landscaping, roof, windows, doors, paint, electrical, etc. should appear in front of the Commission and ask why they were selected for enforcement action and the home at 1308 Biscaya was not. The

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A Message from Vice Mayor Weinberg

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rules appear to be different if you are a former elected official. That should NOT be tolerated. Worse yet, if the Dade County Commission on Ethics is accurate, then the taxpayers of Surfside are losing thousands of dollars every year and YOUR Commission is knowingly ignoring it. If the home appraisal is artificially low because of fraud, then it is you that are losing the money that is owed. Wouldn't it be nice if we could all have our home appraised artificially low and if we could count on the Commission to turn a blind eye when they were presented with a credible report of the wrong doing? Unfortunately, if you are not a rich or powerful former elected official, I don't think you would be allowed to get away with it, do you? I voted to move forward even though Mr. Novack was very helpful to me after Hurricane Wilma and even though property that I own would be directly and adversely impacted by bringing 1308 Biscaya into compliance. It is not about me or any one individual. It is about all of us being treated equally by our local government.

Don't be fooled by the myriad of spin control excuses you will hear from

elected officials:

- "Too expensive" Not True: Bringing the property into compliance would stop the loss of thousands of dollars per year in underpayment of taxes. Doing nothing is actually MUCH more expensive in the long run. Any legal action would also probably recover back taxes and legal fees.
- "Witch hunt" Not True. This investigation was conducted by an outside agency and was commenced and completed during the prior administration. The report was dropped onto the current Commission's lap. Turning a blind eye and blaming a witch hunt is disingenuous and not credible.
- "Selective Enforcement" Not True: In fact it is the exact opposite. Turning a blind eye to a likely violation based on the stature of the violator is the very definition of selective enforcement. Proceeding, as I voted to do, would be uniform enforcement.
- "Pandora's Box" Not True: In fact once again the opposite is true. Basing enforcement on who the violator happens to be rips the lid off of the Pandora's Box. Everyone knows that if the same report named Mr. Jones or Mr. Martinez or Mr. Stein, etc. instead of Mayor Novack your elected officials would have been

preaching the importance of enforcing the law. Feeling the hypocrisy yet? If it was your house you would be forced into compliance without even a second thought. Does any Surfside homeowner think that the Town would knowingly allow you to under pay your taxes every year?

The mere fact that certain elected officials insisted on airing this enforcement matter at a Commission Meeting is proof positive that it is being handled with kid gloves for political reasons. Do you think violations at your house would ever be discussed at a Commission Meeting prior to your receipt of a Notice of Violation? Fat Chance! As troubling as it is, the truth is just as you probably suspected: the decision not to proceed was based on politics pure and simple. The people of Surfside expect and deserve better. Kudos to Commissioner Levine for doing the right thing by voting to proceed. I pledge to continue doing what is right regardless of the relentless attacks on me by politically powerful elements. I certainly welcome your feedback at hweinberg@townofsurfside-fl.gov.

Your friend,

Howard

Surfside Commission Highlights

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Temporary Moratorium on Issuance of Development Orders and Development Permits within the Town with certain exceptions; providing for waiver, vested rights, appeals, exhaustion of administrative remedies, and term; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: 4 – 1 (Commissioner Blumstein dissenting)**

4. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, amending the Town Code by amending Article II "Building Code" of Chapter 14 "Buildings and Building Regulations" by amending Article II "Administration and Enforcement,"

Division 2 "Planning and Zoning Board" by repealing all of Division 2, consisting of Section 90-51 through and including Section 90-70 and adopting a new Division 2 "Planning and Zoning Board" consisting of Section 90-51 through 90-70; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

5. An Ordinance of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida amending the Town Code by amending Article V entitled "Supplementary Regulations" to adopt a new Division 5 entitled "Design Review", consisting of Section 90-245 "Design Guidelines for Single Family Residential, Multi-family, Commercial

and other properties" and Section 90-246 "Waiver Procedure"; providing for severability; providing for inclusion in the Code; providing for conflicts; and providing for an effective date. **Vote: 3 – 2 (Commissioners Imberman and Levine dissenting)**

The following Resolutions were approved:

6. A Resolution of the Town Commission of the Town of Surfside, Florida, providing for the fiscal year 2006/2007 Police Confiscation Fund expenditure in the amount of ten thousand, eight hundred and fifteen dollars (\$10,815) to be funded by proceeds of confiscated funds. **Vote: UNANIMOUS**

Spirit Of Surfside Award Recipient, Bob Fisher

On August 14th, the Parks and Recreation Committee and the Town Commission honored Bob Fisher with the Spirit of Surfside Award. This award recognizes residents who have demonstrated outstanding devotion and dedication to their community. Under the guise of a Girl Scout interviewing project on volunteerism, a creative young lady by the name of Hannah Imberman was able to obtain the following information:

Bob was born in Miami Beach in 1952. He attended Ruth K. Broad Elementary School, Nautilus Middle School, and graduated from Miami Beach Senior High. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business from Louisiana Tech. University. He also is an accredited travel agent. He has been involved in service clubs throughout his youth—from boy scouts to Key Club at Beach High, to Circle K in college.

While in college, Bob started the first soccer college team, allowing the international students to play their sport. After college, he ran an adult soccer team for 15 years and was the founder of a soccer league for 10 years, which had 30 teams.

He is a strong believer that everyone should volunteer to do something for their community, because it not only benefits ones' hometown, but the global community as well. He feels that sharing personal experiences, insight, and perspective, helps to improve communities.

This active volunteer is currently the Secretary and a Board Member of the North Shore Kiwanis, an organization of business professionals and community leaders who dedicate time and money to improve the lives of children.

He participates in numerous events for youth and their families which include the Haulover Kite Festival, the Kiwanis Police Athletic and Activities League (PAL) Pancake Breakfast, the Blue Water Classic Outreach Program, the Dragon Boat Festival, and K-Kids at Ruth K. Broad Elementary School. He attends monthly commission and committee meetings. In 2005, at a monthly

Education meeting, he introduced the idea of the Surfside Book Club, which is enjoyed by many today.

Growing up, he witnessed good and bad gangs. He soon found out that the bad gangs got nowhere but into trouble or jail. He decided early on that his path would be the straight and narrow.

Bob is a role model for at risk youth and teaches them that working as a team to help the community is the right

choice to make.

Bob is well-known as the “outspoken man in suspenders” and is truly a caring person; one who leads by example, is exceedingly generous with his personal time, and is dedicated to improving the lives of many in the South Florida community.

A heartfelt thank you and congratulations is extended to Bob Fisher!



(L-R) Comm. **Marc Imberman**, Vice Mayor **Howard Weinberg**, Mayor **Charles Burkett**, Spirit of Surfside Award Recipient **Bob Fisher**, Comm. **Steven Levine** and Comm. **Mark Blumstein**

Town Attorney Clarifies Building Moratorium For Surfsiders

On August 14th the Town Commission adopted an Ordinance which provided a temporary moratorium on the issuance of development orders and permits. Town Attorney, Lynn Dannheisser, explains the moratorium in the following manner:

“When local governments are in the process of making a study of community conditions for an update of their comprehensive plan, zoning code changes or other land development regulations, they often enact a “stop-gap” measure known as a moratorium on building for some reasonable period of time.

In order to carry out the vision of the Charrette, preserve certain historic

structures and enact new zoning code provisions, Surfside has placed a moratorium on all building not already approved by the Planning and Zoning Board or the Commission until design review guidelines are finally approved and zoning code changes are adopted.

In general, the moratorium does NOT pertain to single family residences and provides for certain exceptions like interior renovations, community facilities or exterior renovations if they do not exceed 5% of the assessed value of the land and improvements. Please contact Town Clerk, Beatris Arguelles (305-861-4863) to see the actual ordinance for all details.”

SURFSIDE LIBRARY

Storytime: Will be held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. The library is closed Tuesday mornings, so please knock on the door for admittance. Storytime is open to children age 4 and under.

For your reading pleasure...

ADULT BOOKS:

Fiction:

- Up Close and Dangerous: a novel **by Linda Howard**
- The First Commandment: a thriller **by Brad Thor** (it really is a thriller)
- Stalin's Ghost: An Arkady Renko Novel **by Martin Cruz Smith**



Non-fiction:

- The Daughters of Juarez: A True Story of Serial Murder South of the Border **by Teresa Rodriguez** (available in English and en Espanol)
- The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable **by Nassim Taleb**
- House Beautiful Color Workshop: Decorating Stylish Rooms **by Sarah Childs-Carlile**
- Living Beauty **by Bobbi Brown with Marie Clare Katigbak-Sillick**

CHILDRENS' BOOKS:

Fiction:

- The Top Job **by Elizabeth Cody Kimmel** (easy reader) (career day at school)
- Sea Cows Don't Moo! **by Susan Blackaby** (easy reader) (manatees)
- Something to Tell the Grandcows **by Eileen Spinelli** (easy reader)
- The Navigator **by Eoin McNamee** (junior fiction) (fantasy)
- Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows **by J.K. Rowling** (junior fiction)



Non-fiction:

- How Underwear Got There: A Brief History **by Kathy Shaskan**
- Hurricane Force: In the Path of America's Deadliest Storms **by Joseph B. Treaster**
- Germs are Not for Sharing **by Elizabeth Verdick**



DVD's

Arthur and the Invisibles (PG) (children's) • Chestnut (G) (children's)
Premonition (PG-13) • Dejavu (PG-13)

Enjoy an old musical favorite:

West Side Story • My Fair Lady • The Sound of Music • Funny Girl

The Library will be CLOSED Labor Day weekend.

REGULAR HOURS FOR THE SURFSIDE LIBRARY

Effective: Tuesday, September 4, 2007

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Thursday CLOSED



Friday 10:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 - 5:30 p.m.
Sunday CLOSED

THE TOURIST BUREAU ANNOUNCES "WE'RE MOVING!"



The Surfside Tourist Bureau will soon be relocating from its present office in the Community Center to a storefront "Visitor Center" at 9482 Harding Avenue.



The new location, which is situated among the shops and restaurants in the business district, is ideal for tourists and visitors to stop by for information about what our town has to offer for a day trip or a longer stay. The Tourist Bureau provides the Surfside Business Directory, hotel rate cards, menus for Surfside's restaurants and information that helps visitors and locals enjoy the best shopping, dining, and opportunities for relaxation in our wonderful community by the sea. Local residents, as well as tourists, will also find maps and brochures for attractions throughout the South Florida area.

To enhance community outreach, the Bureau plans to install an official Surfside Website Kiosk featuring links to all available town services and information. An added attraction will be special links to various tourist sites, entertainment venues, and the websites of Surfside businesses, restaurants and shops.

Also planned is a selection of Surfside souvenir merchandise available for sale at the Visitor Center and through the Tourist Bureau website.

Watch for the Grand Opening announcement!!!!



2ND ANNUAL Jazz On The Beach



Mark Your Calendars!

If you enjoyed last year's exciting musical event on Surfside's gorgeous oceanfront, you'll be thrilled to know that the 2nd ANNUAL JAZZ ON THE BEACH CONCERT is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, 2007, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., on the sand at 95th street.

Bring a blanket, friends and family, and listen to the sounds of great jazz. Take a dip, visit the food court, and enjoy a great afternoon in Surfside. Free and open to the public. For additional information visit the Surfside Tourist Bureau website at www.townofsurfsidefl.gov, call 305-864-0722, or email: surfsidevents@hotmail.com to contact the Event Producer.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Christian Evans moved to Surfside very recently, just a couple of months ago, and brings a varied and interesting background. He is originally from Cardiff, Wales, United Kingdom, where he earned a degree as an electronic engineer and belonged to the British Army for 3 years, building bridges, streets, and landing surfaces. He worked for British Telecom for 5 years, and then went to work for the Danish company, Bang & Olufsen as a TV, Audio and Home entertainment specialist, building first class entertainment centers for those who could afford having a "home theatre".

After moving to Florida, he decided to follow his heart and pursue a profes-

sion in golf. He quit his job and became a professional "Caddie". He works at the Doral Country Club and La Gorce Country Club.

His expertise as well as his warm and friendly personality won him the confidence of famous personalities such as Governor Jeb Bush, Camilo Villegas (professional Colombian golfer), Antonio Muñoz (Hispanic enshrined in the Football Hall of Fame). Others include NFL Super Bowl winner, Peyton Manning, and Juan Pablo Montoya, professional NASCAR driver.



Christian Evans

Christian is married to Emma, who is one of those rare individuals who is always eager to help. She manages the cosmetic department of a well known store in Bal Harbour. Both love to travel, and in Christian's own words, "I work not to live, but to travel". In their few years of married life they have traveled to places many of us only dream of visiting.

Surfside is really honored to have an individual like Christian who chose to share his life with us. If you meet him in Publix, just stop and say "Hi". He loves meeting new people.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee is proud and excited by the Surfside Book Club's success. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in participating, please contact Kim at: kimjo614@the-beach.net.

If there are any residents that would like to start a book club in Spanish, or who would like to join one that meets during the daytime, please contact Education Committee Chairperson, Lea Coto at cotolea@aol.com. She and the other committee members will help you get your group together.



SURFSIDE BOOK CLUB



The Surfside Book Club is set to meet on Tuesday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m. The book selection is **"Like Water for Chocolate"** by Laura Esquivel. Join other Surfside readers for fun and lively discussion. Please be sure to confirm date, time, and place by contacting Kim at: kimjo614@the-beach.net

SPEAKER SERIES UPDATE

Plans are currently underway to resume the Education Committee's Speaker Series. Please check future issues of the Gazette, the Town website and Channel 77 for times and dates. Upcoming topics for parents will include:

- Helping Your Child With Their Homework
- Understanding Learning Techniques
- Children's Healthy Eating
- Pediatrics



BUSINESS DISTRICT NEWS

The family-owned **Greek Place Restaurant** (305-866-9628) has re-located to 9489 Harding Ave. The restaurant now has a larger seating capacity and is open for lunch and dinner. They serve authentic Greek home cooking, indoors and al fresco.



At 233 95th Street, **Stephan's Kosher (KM) Deli** (305-868-9914) is open for lunch and offers an array of kosher delicatessen delights including couscous. Stephan's is a family owned and operated business that carries fresh deli meats, and offers their customers convenient delivery service.

7th Plateau (305-861-3135) is located at 9571 Harding Avenue. When owner Margie Robbins talks travel jewelry, she means high quality costume jewelry that you can take anywhere, while you leave your real items safe at home. The many selections include fresh water pearls, designer inspired cubic zirconia pieces, sterling silver and a vast collection of semi-precious beads. You will also find crystal, hand-carved bone statuary, and an eclectic mix of distinctive gifts.



Liliane's Couture (305) 867-8778 is simply unique. Located at 9473 Harding Ave., one will find a very exquisite collection of high end, formal womens' clothing. Similar to the styles seen at the Oscars, all of Liliane's clothing is hand-made and truly, one of a kind. With over 20 years of experience, Liliane has worked with many celebrities in Hollywood, as well as thousands of locals in South Florida.

Sabah and Chef Sarah have opened a brand new restaurant called **"La Rotisserie"** located at 9487 Harding Ave. Together, they bring new flavor to the community with all natural, fresh, homemade dishes, from the already famous Gratin Dauphinois, to many other dishes from Paris. La Rotisserie also offers delivery by calling (305) 868-7667. With a breakfast menu, they are open Tuesdays through Sundays from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.



CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY STUDENTS LEARN DEFENSIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT BASICS:

Proper Use of Firearms • Driving Maneuvers • K-9 Training • Marine Patrol
A new course begins Sept. 26th. Call Wanda Flores, (305) 861-4862 ext. 283 for details.



"Silence of the Lambs" author, **Tom Harris**, visits the firing range with the Surfside Citizen's Police Academy participants



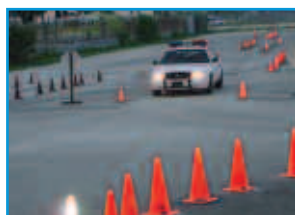
Residents & Police Chief **Dave Allen** watch K-9 action.



K-9 Officers & their Partners



(L-R) **Cathy Liguori**, **Louis Cohen** and **Silvana Quinete** share a laugh



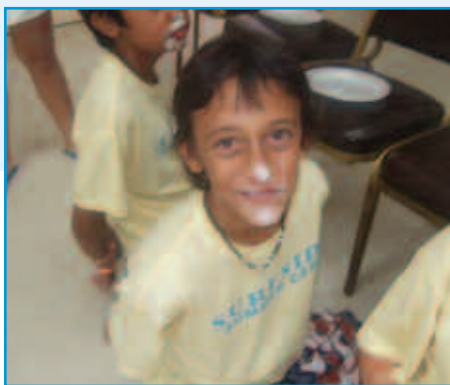
Driving Maneuvers



Asst. Police Chief **John DiCenso** & Marine Patrol students

SURFSIDE SUMMER CAMP WRAPS-UP!





• Pie eating Contest



• "Are you smarter than your counselor?"



Surfside Summer Camp 2007



• Sponge Bob!

• We all live under the sea....



• Game Day: Catch The Apple



• Talent Contest



• Slime Chugging Contest





(L-R) Surfside Aquatic Supervisor, **Jackie Villagran** with Miami-Dade County Sea Turtle Program representatives, **Selina Mills** and **Bill Ahern**



The rescued, baby leatherback turtle ready to swim!



(L-R) Miami-Dade County Sea Turtle Program Specialist, **Bill Ahern**, Surfside Aquatic Supervisor, **Jackie Villagran**, and Surfside Lifeguard, **Ariana Yero**

SEA TURTLE UPDATE

On July 24th, Miami-Dade County Parks and Recreation, Sea Turtle Program representatives returned to the Surfside beach to check on the rare, daytime establishment of a leatherback sea turtle nest that had been laid during the month of May. Conservationist and Recreation Specialist, Bill Ahern, and Conservationist/Park Service Aid, Ms Selina Mills, informed Surfside Aquatics Supervisor, Jackie Villagran, that the eggs had hatched during the

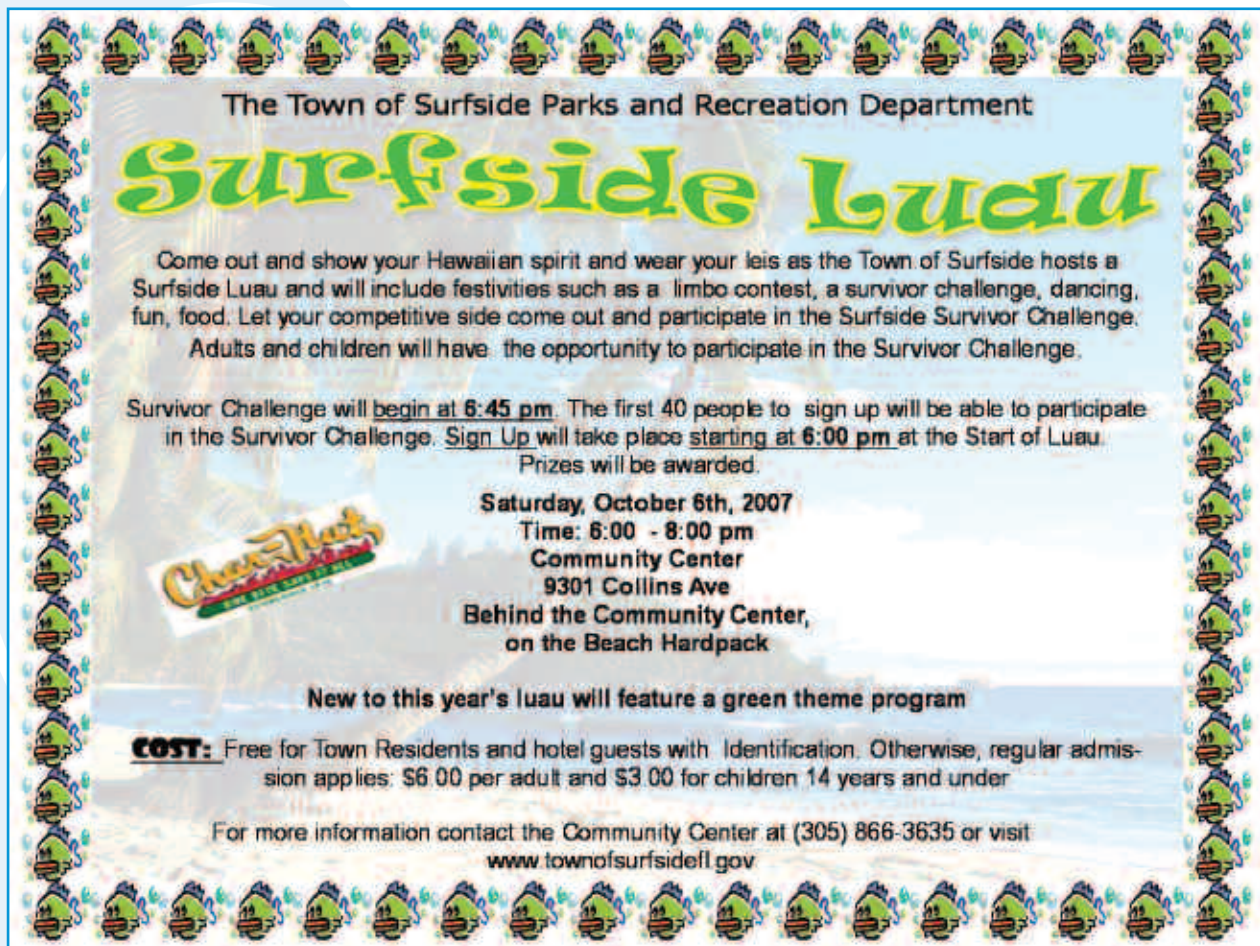
night of July 21st.

As Mr. Ahern dug up the 26 inch deep nest, he found a total of 75 eggs. He reported that 67 had successfully hatched and made their way to the ocean. One was found, alive and well, in the bottom of the nest. Unfortunately, two others were uncovered, dead in the nest, and the remaining eggs

were not fully developed.

There are 7 species of sea turtles listed under the Endangered Species Act, including the leatherback. The Town of Surfside was pleased to participate with Miami-Dade County, in the current global effort to conserve and recover the population of this exceptional marine reptile.





The Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Department

Surfside Luau

Come out and show your Hawaiian spirit and wear your leis as the Town of Surfside hosts a Surfside Luau and will include festivities such as a limbo contest, a survivor challenge, dancing, fun, food. Let your competitive side come out and participate in the Surfside Survivor Challenge. Adults and children will have the opportunity to participate in the Survivor Challenge.

Survivor Challenge will begin at **6:45 pm**. The first 40 people to sign up will be able to participate in the Survivor Challenge. Sign Up will take place starting at **6:00 pm** at the Start of Luau. Prizes will be awarded.

Saturday, October 6th, 2007
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 pm
Community Center
9301 Collins Ave
Behind the Community Center,
on the Beach Hardpack

New to this year's luau will feature a green theme program

COST: Free for Town Residents and hotel guests with Identification. Otherwise, regular admission applies: \$6.00 per adult and \$3.00 for children 14 years and under

For more information contact the Community Center at (305) 866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Surfside Beach Club Rental Hours and Fees (September)



	Sunday - Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Fees: Lounge Chairs	Residents	\$3.00 for 3 hours or less; \$4.00 Full day
	Non-residents	\$6.00 for 3 hours or less; \$9.00 Full day
Umbrellas	Residents	\$2.00 for 3 hours or less; \$3.00 Full day
	Non-residents	\$4.00 for 3 hours or less; \$7.00 Full day

As of Aug. 1st
for Surfside Residents only:
The 1st chair & umbrella rental is free for the day, per group/family.
The fees listed above will apply for additional chair and umbrella rentals.



Town of Surfside Night with the Florida Marlins



*Kids and Adults come and join the Town of Surfside for a night out
at a ball game with the Florida Marlins!*

Friday, September 21, 2007

Transportation provided to and from the stadium.
Bus will depart from the Community Center (9301 Collins Ave) at 5:30 pm sharp.

Tickets may be purchased at the Surfside Community Center in advance.
Purchase deadline is Thursday, September 13, 2007

Ticket Prices:

Terrace Box \$20.00 includes Admission and Transportation

All kids under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.
For more information or to purchase tickets contact the
Community Center at (305) 866-3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov



THE MIAMI SHORES AQUATIC CENTER



The Miami Shores Aquatic Center features Shipwreck Cove Waterpark for children, a pool with slides and other water activities, as well as an eight lane competition pool. Surfsiders must present a valid, updated resident ID card. The Miami Shores Aquatic Center is located at 10200 Biscayne Blvd, just north of the Miami

Shores Country Club. To obtain the hours of operation for the Aquatic Center please call (305) 795-2241, or check their website: www.miamishoresvillage.com.

The Town has arranged with the bus service contractor to include daily trips to the Miami Shores Aquatic Center. There are three daily trips Tuesday

through Friday and two trips on Saturday. There is no bus service on Sundays.

Please note that the use of the neighboring municipal facility is a privilege that the Miami Shores Aquatic Center is extending to the Town of Surfside Residents Only. Please do not abuse this privilege.

The Aquatic Center will be CLOSED for superchlorination on Sept. 17, Oct. 22, and Nov. 22

PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Upcoming Special Events:

2007



September 21

Surfside Night with the Florida Marlins vs. New York Mets

October 6

End of Summer Luau



October 26 & 27

Halloween Haunted House



October 28

Halloween Spooktacular

November 11

Veteran's Day Ceremony



November 17

Movie Night in the Park

December 8

Holiday Extravaganza (Snow on the Beach)

2008

January 13

Family Fun Day

January 26

Movie Night in the Park



February 17

Winter 5K Run

March 8

Story Book Festival

SENIOR PROGRAM

Every Wednesday*, in the Lanai Room 10:00 a.m. - Noon

*Beginning Wed., Sept. 5, the Parks and Recreation Department is hosting a morning of activities for Seniors at the Community Center. Come join and play dominoes, cards, board games, mahjong, and more! Activities are free. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Senior Bingo

Residents \$5 / Non-Resident \$10 (fee is per session attended)

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to invite seniors to come and enjoy a friendly game of Bingo every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. The game will be held at the Community Center from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. Prizes will consist of gift certificates, gift sets, and much more. For further information contact the Community Center at (305) 866-3635.

Thursday

September 6 - December 20 4:00 - 6:00 pm



September Programs

Surfside Community Center Adult Classes and Programs

Yogalates:

Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Yogalates integrates exercise from Yoga and Pilates. The results are increased flexibility, stronger core strength, and greater overall power and grace. This is an effective and challenging workout for all ages and fitness levels.

Thursday August 30 - October 18 7:00 - 8:00 pm



Yoga:

Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Enjoy invigorating and relaxing yoga classes while engaging in techniques that benefit your mind, body, and spirit. You will learn proper breathing exercises and relaxation methods long associated with this proven ancient tradition.

Monday August 6 - October 18 7:00 - 8:00 pm
(No Class September 3 and October 8)



Pilates:

Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$65 (per person 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Pilates focuses on core strengthening (abdominals) and helps reshape the body by creating long, lean muscles. It also helps to strengthen the back muscles and increase flexibility.

Wednesday September 4 - October 23 7:00 - 8:00 pm



Youth Classes and Programs

Ballet Program: Ages: 6 - 10

Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Children will learn 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th position. Basic Port De Bras (Carriage of the arms), skipping backwards and forwards, basic center floor and work on the ballet barre. A strong emphasis will be on posture and poise, under the instruction of Jessica Wolland. Classes will be held at the Community Center (9301 Collins Ave).

Monday September 10 - October 29 5:00 - 5:45 pm



Pre-School Ballet: Ages: 3 - 5

Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

The Pre-School Ballet class will cover the fundamentals of ballet movements. Children will learn passé plie, skipping, first and second positions, dancing across the floor, walking on tip toes along with proper posture and grace, under the instruction of Jessica Wolland. Classes will be held at the Community Center (9301 Collins Ave). **Space is limited.**

Friday September 7 - October 26 4:00 - 4:45 pm
Monday September 10 - October 29 4:00 - 4:45 pm



Gymnastics:

Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (per child 7 weeks = 7 classes)

Come join our gymnastics program taught by certified instructors. Through praise, encouragement and skillful attention, your child will be taught the sport of gymnastics. **Note: No Classes September 12 & 13.**

Wednesday September 5 - October 24
Ages: 3 - 5 4:00 - 4:55 pm
Ages: 6 - 10 5:00 - 5:55 pm

Thursday September 6 - October 25
Ages: 3 - 5 4:00 - 4:55 pm
Ages: 6 - 10 5:00 - 5:55 pm



Acrobatics and Tumbling:

Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Boys and girls are invited to join our tumbling and acrobatics class taught by certified instructors. Learn the basics of both tumbling and acrobatics. **Note: Registration in Progress. No Class September 12.**

Wednesday

September 5 - October 25

Ages: 8 - 15

6:00 - 6:55 pm



Hip Hop Jazz Dance:

Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$75 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

This dance class is designed to incorporate jazz technique as well as hip hop moves to today's pop music. This class will also improve your child's flexibility as well as coordination

Thursday

September 6 - October 25

Ages: 6 - 9

6:00 - 6:55 pm

Ages: 10 - 16

7:00 - 7:55 pm



Arts and Crafts:

Resident \$40 / Non-Resident \$60 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Join the fun with this instructional Arts & Crafts program for kids. Children will create projects with paper, fabric, and other age appropriate media. Classes are taught by certified teachers.

Saturday

September 8 - October 27

10:00 - 11:00 am



Youth Instructional Soccer Program: (12 weeks = 24 classes)

Participants will learn the fundamentals of soccer to include dribbling, passing, shooting, ball control, soccer game rules, scrimmage games, and many other skills. Head Coach will be Gabriel Alves from Cyclone Soccer Inc. Balls will be provided at each practice. **Note: Program will be held at 96th Street Park.**

Fees:

Returning kids **Residents** **\$75 includes 2 t-shirts + 1 pair of Soccer Socks**

Non-Residents **\$110 includes 2 t-shirts + 1 pair of Soccer Socks**

New
Registration **Residents** **\$85 includes 2 t-shirts + 1 pair of shorts + shinguards + 1 pair of Soccer Socks**

Non-Residents **\$115 includes 2 t-shirts + 1 pair of shorts + shinguards + 1 pair of Soccer Socks**



Tuesdays & Thursdays

September 11 - December 6

(No Class November 20 and 22)

Ages: 4 - 6 Coed

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Ages: 6 - 9 Coed

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Ages: 9 - 12 Girls

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Ages: 9 - 12 Boys

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Kidokinetics "Tot" Program:

Resident \$64 / Non-Resident \$80 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

This class is a high energy, active class for your little ones. Introducing them to sports and making fitness fun while setting the pace for them in years to come. This class will help your child develop coordination, concentration, and motor skills, while having fun in a safe, non-competitive environment. Every week your child will learn about a different sport. Activities include soccer, hockey, basketball, hula hoops, bean bag skills, football, tennis, t-ball, obstacle courses, golf and much more. Don't miss the FUN! Free T-Shirt with 1st time enrollment. **Note:**

Registration in Progress. Classes will be held in the Community Center Auditorium.

Monday

Sept. 10 - Oct. 29

9:15 - 10:00 am

Ages: 2 - 4



Kidokinetics: GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF FITNESS

Resident \$64 / Non-Resident \$80 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

Kidokinetics is a way to improve and enhance your child's fitness. Each week we work on different sports in a non-competitive setting. This program helps to develop their motor skills and self-confidence. We teach the basic of various sports. Our classes are for boys and girls. Free T-Shirt with 1st time enrollment. **Note:**

Registration in Progress. Classes will be held at 96th Park. (9572 Bay Drive)

Thursday

Sept. 6 - Oct. 25

5:15 - 6:00 pm

Ages: 3 - 5



Chess Program:

Resident \$45 / Non-Resident \$65 (per child 8 weeks = 8 classes)

This program is for children that want to learn how to play chess or for children who are familiar with the game and want to improve on their abilities in a fun learning environment. **Note: Registration in Progress.**

Saturday

Sept. 8 - Oct. 27

Noon - 1:00 pm

Beginner

1:00 - 3:00 pm

Advanced



Jump Rope:

Resident \$80 / Non-Resident \$128 (per child 8 weeks = 16 classes)

***Please Note:** The Jump Rope Program also has an annual Registration Fee of \$50 which includes AAU membership, USA Jump Rope membership, a Hurricane Jumpers T-Shirt and one jump rope. Checks should be made payable to: Hurricane Team

Classes are designed to inspire and motivate physical fitness through jump rope as a lifetime sport. The beginner Jump Rope Program will be used as a feeder program for the Competitive Jump Rope Team, which is by invitation only.

Mon. & Tues.

Sept. 10 - Oct. 30

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Ages: 7 & up



September Game Room Hours:



Monday - Friday
Saturday & Sunday

2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Surfside Tennis Center



The regularly scheduled Hours of Operation are listed below:

Monday - Thursday
Friday - Sunday

8:30 am to 10:00 pm
8:30 am to 5:30 pm



"Meet, Greet, and Play Tennis"

Monday Adult 8:00 - 10:00 pm.
Fee: \$9 per person for residents, • \$10 non-resident per person

NEW PROGRAM

Meet, Greet, and Play Tennis"

Monday Junior: (Ages 11-13) 8:00 pm -10:30 pm
Begins September 16th
Fee: \$6 per person for residents / \$8 per person for non-residents
Reservations Required



"Open Play"

Thursday Adult 7:00 - 8:30 pm
Reservation Required
Fee: Free for Surfside residents. \$4.00 non-residents per person.



"Cardio Tennis"

Wednesday Adult 8:00 - 9:00 pm
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 19TH
Fee: \$18 residents / \$20 non-residents • Reservations Required

For more information contact the Tennis Center at (305) 866-5176.



FUN TIME Gymnastic Skills & Activities

Ages: 3 - 5

September 24, 2007 - November 14, 2007

**Monday & Wednesday
9:00am—Noon**

The Town of Surfside is hosting Fun Time; Gymnastic Skills and Activities. Each day will include Stretching,

Bars & Balancing Skills, Floor and Vault skills,

Trampoline skills, Creative Movements, Arts and

Crafts and MUCH MORE.

Residents
\$ 350.00 8 weeks
\$ 225.00 4 weeks

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\$ 350.00 8 weeks
\$ 225.00 4 weeks

Space is limited!

Registration for Surfside Residents begins August 20th and Non - Residents September 2nd . Registration will be held at the Community Center Sunday—Saturday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Proof of residency is required.

For more information contact the Recreation Department at (305) 866 - 3635 or visit www.townofsurfsidefl.gov

Mayor's View

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this the #1 or #2 choice will have been put on the job and we will be in the process of designing the project for your review.

Surfside Goes Green!

Some time ago, I sent the Manager a request to consider purchasing "hybrid" vehicles for non-police use in our Town. I was excited to see our Green Committee and others make the same suggestions recently. During our last meeting, W.D. had acted upon the request, and successfully researched the fuel efficient vehicle options available to the Town. I am pleased to report that the Commission wholeheartedly supports this step in the Town's "going green" initiative. Surfside has begun the process of phasing out our gas guzzlers and our Town is moving in a more positive, environmentally conscious direction.

Planning and Zoning Goals

You've likely noticed the old Coronado and Beach House go through the demolition process lately. What is important about this process is that

going forward, thanks to the Commission helping me implement one of my promises, we will likely have real changes in the types of structures that get built in Town on Collins and Harding Avenues. The future planning and zoning (p & z) theme, as our P & Z Board rewrites the rules, will be to protect historic properties, and create lowrise, less dense, small scale projects which better reflect the characteristics of a friendly, seaside community. The Commission has put in place a temporary moratorium on development orders and permits to insure that bigger and less compatible projects don't slip through in the meantime. We've got some great minds on our P & Z Board (welcome back James Mackenzie) and I'm quite sure that they'll get the Town's planning revisions done well!

Traffic Considerations

Lastly, at our most recent meeting, I asked the County to appear and help us understand why they've endorsed a move to put more traffic on Surfside's residential streets on the north end of Town (96th/Abbott) and possibly on the south end (88th/Byron) too. The answers we received at the meeting

were not sufficient and I have advised the County that we intend to have workshops on the subject until the matter is satisfactorily resolved. Our residential streets are not main arterial thoroughfares and our kids' safety is not up for negotiation. Between this and the Fire opt out issue, I've really learned a lot about how things work (and who works them) in our County Government and plan to see Surfside, and the other municipalities for that matter, get the attention they deserve.

As usual, hearing from each of you is very grounding for me. Your comments and advice are invaluable, and I believe that they have made my tenure and our Commission much more in tune with, and responsive, to what you want and expect from us. Please keep writing and sharing your thoughts with me.

I hope you continue to have a great (with what's left of) summer!

All the best,

Charlie

Edward Carrasquillo Named Police Officer Of The Month



(L-R) Officer **Ed Carrasquillo**, Ed's Mom - **Elizabeth Carrasquillo**, Mayor **Charles Burkett**, and Police Chief **Dave Allen**

At the Commission meeting held on August 14, Edward Carrasquillo, was honored, for June, as Police Officer of the Month. Surfside and neighboring cities had experienced an increase in ATM frauds. Officer Carrasquillo observed a person fitting the description of the suspect acting suspiciously near an ATM in the early morning hours. The suspect was stopped and questioned as to what he was doing at the ATM machine. He was unable to give consistent answers for his presence and Officer Carrasquillo, fearing for the

safety of the residents in the area, subsequently arrested him.

After being taken into custody the suspect was searched, and was found to be carrying several thousand dollars and hundreds of fraudulent gift cards. The suspect was then identified through bank surveillance photos as the ATM fraud subject. Officer Carrasquillo has proven to be a credit to himself, the department and the Town. His efforts enhance the quality of life and safety of our citizens.

Great work Eddie!

Detective Tammy Pedre Named Officer Of The Month

Detective Tammy Pedre was honored at the Commission meeting held on August 14 as Police Officer of the Month. On July 11, 2007 a white male entered the Bank United (9537 Harding Ave) and demanded cash via a note to the bank teller. The subject left the bank with \$5,053 in cash and fled the scene on foot. The case was assigned to Detective Tammy Pedre. Through video surveillance inside the bank, and excellent detective work, Detective Pedre was able to locate the whereabouts of the subject. Detective

Pedre was then able to complete a photo line up where the subject was positively identified by the victim/witness, and subsequently arrested.

During the entire month of July, Detective Pedre made a total of five felony arrests, including arrests for grand theft and strong armed robbery. Detective Pedre was also instrumental in securing three more arrests on two separate cases by getting full confessions from the suspects. These two cases included burglary/grand theft and felony check fraud. This display of dili-



(L-R) Mayor **Charles Burkett**, Det. **Tammy Pedre**, Police Chief **Dave Allen**, and Det. **Pedre's** proud mom, **Sharon Campbell**

gence and superior investigative work merits special commendation.

Congratulations Detective Pedre!

**The Surfside Police Department invites
Residents, local business owners, and their employees**

to attend a Crime Prevention Workshop

Thursday, September 20, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Surfside Police Detective, Antonio Mesa

Topics: Theft & Fraud Schemes • Stolen Identities

Location: Surfside Municipal Building, 9293 Harding Avenue, 2nd Floor, Police Training Room

Light Refreshments will be served.

**Please phone Surfside Police Special Projects Coordinator, Wanda Flores
305-861-4862 ext. 283 to confirm your attendance.**



SURF-BAL-BAY POLICE ATHLETIC/ACTIVITIES LEAGUE (PAL)



The Surf-Bal-Bay Police Athletic/Activities League (PAL) is a non-profit organization, whose crime prevention mission is "Filling Playgrounds, not Prisons". Police officers and volunteers commit to working with area children in a safe environment, to prevent juvenile delinquency and drug use.

The local PAL is pleased to announce its lineup of Fall programs. Registration is now open. Please contact Surf-Bal-Bay PAL Executive Director, Lt. Jose Andrade via phone (786) 273-6825 or email jandrade@ssbbpal.org for further program details and registration information.

Tutoring:	1st - 6th Grade Certified Teachers \$150 for 12 weeks	2 days per week (Maximum of 10 students per grade) Days & Classroom: To Be Announced (TBA) 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	
Homework Help:	All grades \$150 for 12 weeks	Monday - Thursday	3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Guitar Lessons:	Beginner Class Intermediate Class \$150 for 12 weeks	Monday & Wednesday Classroom TBA	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Basketball:	Instructional Program \$120 for 12 weeks	Tuesday & Thursday Practice Location - TBA	4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Flag Football:	Instructional Program \$120 for 12 weeks	Monday & Wednesday Practice: Surfside 96th St. Park	4:45 pm - 5:45 pm
T-Ball:	Instructional Program Ages: 6 - 9 years old \$120 for 12 weeks	Monday & Wednesday Practice: Surfside 96th St. Park	3:30 pm - 4:30 pm

Please note:

All activities conducted inside Ruth K. Broad Bay Harbor Elementary School follow the same school calendar schedule.



PAL EVENTS

SURFSIDE POLICE

January Through June – Comparative Years: 2006 To 2007

Total Part One Crime Statistics

CLASSIFICATION.....	JAN. thru JUNE 2006	JAN. thru JUNE 2007	+/-
HOMICIDE.....	0	0	0
INVOLUNTARY SEXUAL BATTERY	1	1	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - BATTERY	21	10	-11
BURGLARY	11	14	3
LARCENY	54	57	3
ROBBERY	4	3	-1
MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	3	6	3
TOTAL PART ONE CRIMES.....	94	91	-3
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	4161	4642	481
ARRESTS	181	380	199
PARKING CITATIONS	1311	2189	878

SURFSIDE POLICE CRIME STATISTICS

Monthly Activity by Classification

CLASSIFICATION.....	JUNE	JULY	+/-
HOMICIDE.....	0	0	0
INVOLUNTARY SEXUAL BATTERY.....	0	0	0
LEWD / LASCIVIOUS	1	0	-1
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT - BATTERY	0	0	0
BURGLARY STRUCTURE	4	5	1
BURGLARY CONVEYANCE.....	0	5	5
GRAND THEFT.....	3	3	0
FRAUD.....	15	2	-13
ROBBERY	0	2	2
GRAND THEFT AUTO.....	0	2	2
TOTAL PART ONE CRIMES.....	23	19	-4
BATTERY SIMPLE.....	1	1	0
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	0	0	0
THEFT UNDER	5	4	-1
CRIMINAL MISCHIEF	2	3	1
DRIVING UNDER INFLUENCE.....	3	8	5
DISORDERLY CONDUCT	2	1	-1
TOTAL PART II CRIMES.....	13	17	4
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	685	861	176
ARRESTS	46	81	35
PARKING CITATIONS.....	400	565	165

September 2007 Calendar

COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, SEPT. 11, AT 7:00 PM
SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING IS TUESDAY, SEPT. 25, AT 6:00 PM

Education Committee..... First Tuesday of the month, at 8:00 pm (09/04/07)
Parks & Recreation Committee..... Third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (09/20/07)
Planning & Zoning Board Last Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm (09/27/07)
Tourist Bureau..... Due to Labor Day, the meeting is re-scheduled to Mon., Sept. 10 at 6:00 pm

BUDGET HEARINGS

Location: Commission Chambers

1st Public Budget Hearing..... Tues., Sept. 11 at 5:01 pm

Final Public Budget Hearing..... Tues., Sept. 25 at 5:01 pm

SURFSIDE NIGHT WITH THE FLORIDA MARLINS..... FRI., SEPT. 21

UPCOMING:

End of Summer Luau..... Sat., Oct. 6

Haunted House..... Fri. and Sat., Oct. 26 & 27

Halloween Spooktacular..... Sun., Oct. 28

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Howard S. Weinberg	Vice Mayor
Marc Imberman	Commissioner
Steven Levine	Commissioner
Mark Blumstein	Commissioner

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W.D. Higginbotham	Town Manager
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Weiss, Serota et al.	Town Attorney
David E. Allen	Police Chief

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Tennis Courts	(305) 866-5176
Tourist Bureau	(305) 864-0722
Library	(305) 865-2409
Surfside Police Department	(305) 861-4862

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